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Title: INTERMOLECULARLY BOUND
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2002 requesting a response to the Restriction Requirement made in the Office Action of 09 January, 2002. Applicants appreciate the Examiner allowing for additional time to respond.

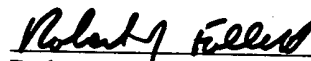
In response to the Restriction Requirement, applicants provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-12 for examination. This election is made with traverse.

While applicants appreciate that inventions having different classifications may, in some cases, create an additional burden upon the patent office, it is noted that in this case all of the claims were addressed in the Office Action. Specifically, paragraphs 12 and 15-20 address the claims of Group I and paragraphs 21-26 of the office action address the claims of Group II.

For this reason, it appears that no additional burden was created on the Patent Office and as such examination of all claims 1-21 is proper and therefore requested.

In light of the above remarks, reconsideration of the pending application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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